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III. Communist-dominated Latin American Youth Congress began sessions in Havana 29 July.

- A. Cubans claim 800 delegates present from all Latin American countries, plus Puerto Rico and US, many of whom were furnished free transportation to Cuba,**
- B. Delegates also present from most Sino-Soviet bloc countries.**
- C. Communist domination of congress has met some resistance.**
 - 1. Venezuelan Christian democratic youth group withdrew when congress leaders refused to guarantee free and public debate.**

2. Leading youth groups of Peru, Bolivia, Chile, boycotted congress and others that went may walk out.

IV. Prominent Communists and pro-Communists from other Latin American countries frequently visit Cuba; some live there.

- A. Ex-President Arbenz of Guatemala was present at 26 July rally.
- B. Former Guatemalan Communist leader Fortuny has been in Cuba since May.
- C. Mexican Communist labor leader Lombardo Toledano is frequent visitor.
- D. Beside Guevara, leftist Argentines resident in Cuba include Peron's former ministers of interior and foreign affairs, and Peronista party boss ~~Juan~~ Cooke. Jose Massetti, director of Castro's Prensa Latina, was an editor of Peron's similar Agencia Latina.

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- E. Other Communist exiles in Cuba include Nicaraguans, Dominicans, and Haitians

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